New Mexico jumping mouse field study, Northern Arizona University

Small Mammal Research Technicians

Research technicians (2) needed for a project studying the endangered New Mexico jumping mouse in riparian areas located within National Forests in the mountains of Arizona and New Mexico. Successful applicants will work as part of a team to determine population status, habitat requirements, and home ranges for the New Mexico meadow jumping mouse. During the summer, we will be trapping small mammals with Sherman traps, processing animals, using track plates, radio tracking, and measuring environmental variables. The research takes place in remote areas and technicians will be camping while out in the field for approximately 6-9 days at a time. While camping and in the field (most of the time), technicians will be provided per diem to cover food expenses and are reimbursed for use of a personal 4WD vehicle while working. Office duties may include data entry, maintenance of sampling gear, and travel preparations. The field season is expected to run from late May to September.

To be considered for these positions, you MUST have extensive camping experience, preferably at high elevations (>7000 feet), be able to navigate across difficult trail-less terrain, be comfortable working and camping in remote areas, be able to spend several hours in waders walking through fast-moving streams, be comfortable and safe driving 4WD vehicles, and have a passion for conducting field research.

Applicants should be motivated, have the ability to work well independently and with others, be able to hike with heavy equipment in rough terrain, and under adverse weather conditions. The ideal candidate will have trapping and handling experience with small mammals, experience with track plates, familiarity with fauna and flora of the region, and the ability to navigate to sampling locations using map, compass, and a GPS.

Salary: $14-$16/hr depending on experience
Deadline to apply: April 12, 2019
To apply: Interested applicants should send a cover letter, resume, and 3 references (applications formatted as a single PDF document) to the 2 contacts below.
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